

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00914-TSC**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/01/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff****AMERICAN OVERSIGHT**

represented by **Daniel Alexander McGrath**  
AMERICAN OVERSIGHT  
1030 15th Street, NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 897-4213  
Email: [daniel.mcgrath@americanoversight.org](mailto:daniel.mcgrath@americanoversight.org)  
**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

V.

**Defendant****U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

represented by **Kevin Matthew Snell**  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch  
1100 L Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 305-0924  
Fax: (202) 616-8460  
Email: [kevin.snell@usdoj.gov](mailto:kevin.snell@usdoj.gov)  
**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/01/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6033124) filed by American Oversight. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by American Oversight (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/02/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
04/02/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/2/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/2/2019. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kevin Matthew Snell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint Nunc Pro Tunc</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 05/08/2019)

05/08/2019	<u>7</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – July 6, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B – July 9, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C – July 24, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D – July 16, 2018 Letter, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E – August 17, 2018 Letter)(Snell, Kevin) Modified on 5/9/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/09/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>7</u> Answer to Complaint; emailed to kevin.snell@usdoj.gov, cc'd 2 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. This should have been an attachment to your motion for leave to file. The court must grant leave to file. (ztd, ) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint Nunc Pro Tunc</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Answer, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A to Answer – July 6, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>4</u> Exhibit B to Answer – July 9, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>5</u> Exhibit C to Answer – July 24, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>6</u> Exhibit D to Answer – July 16, 2018 Letter, # <u>7</u> Exhibit E to Answer – August 17, 2018 Letter)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER : Granting <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by May 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/9/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Snell, Kevin) Modified filing date on 5/10/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>10</u>	ERRATA <i>Filing of Exhibits to Answer</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE <u>9</u> Answer to Complaint filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A to Answer – July 6, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B to Answer – July 9, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C to Answer – July 24, 2018 FOIA Request, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D to Answer – July 16, 2018 Letter, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E to Answer – August 17, 2018 Letter)(Snell, Kevin) Modified filing date on 5/10/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 5/9/2019. (tb) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 6/17/19. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/17/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/17/2019. (tb) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
06/17/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joints status report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report and proposed order by July 12, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/18/19. (DJS) (Entered: 06/18/2019)
06/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2019. (tb) (Entered: 06/18/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report and proposed order by November 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/26/19. (DJS) (Entered: 07/26/2019)
07/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/13/2019. (tb) (Entered: 07/30/2019)

11/12/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by January 30, 2020 and every 60 days thereafter. The report shall include a proposed order to the extent the parties propose a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/13/19. (DJS) (Entered: 11/13/2019)
11/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/30/2020. (tb) (Entered: 11/14/2019)